Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: From the Cochin Civil List it is seen that Dr. Dakshayani Amma joined service on 1st Vrischigam 1110.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: As what?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: As Medical Inspectress.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She joined the Public Health Department.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanoyannur)*: Was not Dr. Sumithra according to the rules and conventions in existence the real claimant for the place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Absolutely she was.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether at the time of the bifurcation of the Medical Inspection Staff Dr. Dakshayani Amma was given to understand that her claims will not be considered in the usual course of promotions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: There is no question of promotion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not S. O. 16 to the effect that when an acting appointment is filled in care should be taken that when that post falls permanently vacant the acting hands get the claim.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was that S. O. respected.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was it respected? A certain lady acted in a certain vacancy and whan that place became permanent she was not given the appointment.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Dr. Dakshayani Amma was recruited primarily in the Public Health Department on the strict understanding that she will have to work in the Public Health Department where the conditions of service are entirely differnt from those obtaining in the Medical Department. Dr. Sumithra was not entertained on these conditions. Secondly Dr. Sumithra had much better qualifications to fill the particular vacancy. The third reason is, apart from the Standing Order which I must look into, the rule is that vacancies in the Assistant Surgeon's Cadre are to be filled in from among the Honorary Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: What is the qualification of Dr. Sumithra?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She is a D.G.O.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I think Dr. Dakshayani Amma is an M.B.B.S. Is there any additional qualification to be passed in the Public Health Department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I have nothing to do with that. I don't know what actuated the Public Health Director to appoint her. But this much I can say. Dr. Sumithra has got better qualifications. By virtue of the greater experience she has been having on the curative side of medicine she was better fitted for the post.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Has not Dr. Dakshayani Amma represented that she is prepared to take the D.G.O. degree at her own expense?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Was there any objection in allowing her to take that decree?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: She belonged to another department and she was recruited for quite a different purpose altogether.

SMUGGLING OF FOOD STUFFS—PREVENTION OF—REWARDS FOR

168. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any rewards are given to the Officers or other persons who discover smuggling of food stuffs;

(*b*) if so, what are the amounts;

(*c*) any rewards have been given as yet;

(*d*) if so, to whom?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) No rewards have so far been given on this account to anybody.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are not rewards given for detecting excise cases ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhamed Roshan Sahib Bahadnr *(Commissioner of Police):* Rewards are given for doing something of a skilful nature.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is not a portion of the fine collected in the matter of excise cases given over to the Excise officers ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise):* Yes. It is so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it not because the Government think that they will give an additional incentive for detecting such cases that such a system has been adopted.

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* It is so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will not the Government in the interests of the country at present be pleased to consider that all officers of any department who detect cases of smuggling of food stuffs be rewarded like that ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The question here is whether rewards should be given for discovery of smuggling of food stuffs. For every discovery if a Government officer is to be rewarded over and above his pay he does not deserve his pay. The actual position is this. So far as the smuggling of food stuffs is concerned, only the government servants are interested in detecting them and unfortunately non-officials have not come forward to render any material help in such discoveries. So the question of rewarding the non-officials does not arise. In the case of the officers, they are paid for what they are doing and if they do anything skilful or risky in the matter of smuggling of food stuffs they will surely be rewarded.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* This is a work which has got some temptation. Generally, as far as I know, from my personal experience, only small cases are discovered. 200 bags of rice are being smuggled without being discovered. If proper reward is given even to non-officials and officials who discover these cases surely there will be more of such detections coming in and we will have more food stuffs in the State. I request the government may consider this aspect of the matter and revise their opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The Hon'ble Member for Police was pleased to say that when detection of the sort mentioned here is made by officers who are drawing salaries from the Government then if they are to be rewarded they do not deserve their pay. That is the statement made by the Hon'ble Member of Police. Will that dictum hold good in all cases ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Except in cases where skill or courage is shown.

SCHEMES RECOMMENDED BY THE IRRIGATION BOARD

169. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of schemes of irrigation recommended by the present Irrigation Board;

(*b*) whether any work is taken up now in the year 1118 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The following irrigation works were recommended by the present Irrigation Board.

1. Putting up a bund at Puthur in the Manali river for the conversion of about 1,200 acres into double crop.
2. Irrigation facilities for about 1,300 acres around Keli thodu.
3. Improving the drainage canal in Konath bund for the benefit of about 200 acres.
4. Putting up bunds in Maradu and Kundanur desoms for the benefit of 400 acres.
5. The construction of a sluice for Chirangara chira in Chewara.

(*b*) Of the above works items 1, 2 and 4 were completed in 1118 and estimates for item No. 5 have been submitted to Government for execution in 1119.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the position of the Government as regards item No. 3.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* An estimate for that work has been called for.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What about the Chalakkudi Diversion Scheme ?

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